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SUBJECT: INDOCHINA AND SECRETARY'S LETTER TO FONMIN CARVAJAL

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1. CONSERVATIVE "EL MERCURIO" APRIL 22 CARRIES EDITORIAL ENTITLED "CHILE UNDERSTANDS INDOCHINA". EDITORIAL REFERS TO SECRETARY KISSINGER'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT PINOCHET (SIC) ON INABILITY TO COME TO CHILE, NOTING FOLLOWING SENTENCE, "WHICH HAS HISTORICAL SUBSTANCE": "THE LEADERS OF CHILE, BETTER THAN OTHERS, CAN UNDERSTAND THE TRAGEDY OF INDOCHINA AND ITS IMPORTANCE." EDITORIAL OPINES THAT THIS SENTENCE "IMPLICITLY RECOGNIZES WHAT CHILE SUFFERED DURING 1970-73 AND THE CORRECTNESS OF THE IMPULSE THAT LED THE COUNTRY TO LIBERATE ITSELF FROM THAT NIGHTMARE".

2. MERCURIO COMMENTS THAT, BEYOND THE HISTORICAL TRUTH OF THE SECRETARY'S PHRASE, IT IS ALSO PROOF THAT THE SECRETARY HAS NOW DISCOVERED THE DECEIT OF THOSE HE HAS BEEN NEGOTIATING WITH ON PEACE IN VIETNAM, STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION, AND OTHER MATTERS WHICH WILL ONLY BE HANDLED IN THE AGREED UPON FORM WHEN FAVORABLE TO COMMUNIST INTERESTS.
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